

## CHAPTER NO. 181

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1269

By Representative McDonald

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1511

By Senators Jackson, Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-216, relative to interfering with the safe operation of a motorboat or vessel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-216(a), is amended by inserting the language "or interfere with the safe operation of" between the language "No person shall operate" and the language "any motorboat or vessel".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-216(a), is further amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

Notwithstanding § 69-9-219 to the contrary, any person who interferes with the safe operation of any motorboat or vessel in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person commits a Class C misdemeanor; provided, that any person who through such interference causes bodily injury or death commits a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 2, 2005**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR